MAY 2008



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VERNAL POOL WORKSHOP

Adults and children are invited to attend a free "Wonders of Vernal Pools" workshop presented by the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC). The workshop will be held at the Raymond Middle School Cafeteria, 1 Stephen Batchelder Parkway in Raymond from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Vernal Pools provide crucial habitat for salamanders, wood frogs, fairy shrimp and other creatures. The workshop will meet in the Raymond Middle School cafeteria for a presentation on vernal pools, followed by a walk into the woods to inspect a pool for critters. Grab your rubber boots and dress for a walk in the woods, to enjoy a fun, hands-on learning experience.

This workshop is FREE and is lots of fun for both kids and adults. BE SURE TO DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. This workshop will go on rain or shine. If you would like any additional information, please contact ERLAC at 778-0885.

2008 FREMONT MOSQUITO CONTROL **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Our state mosquito control permit will be arriving within the next few days. We will then advertise the beginning of larvaciding operations by April 30, 2008. Watch for postings and additional information to be posted on the Town Website on the Health Department page.

MPMS Staff and I are currently identifying and checking mosquito breeding habitats. The spring "snowmelt" mosquitoes will be hatching any day in woodland pools and red maple swamps. This is a very late spring. I expect that the first biting mosquitoes will not appear until the end of May or early June.

My staff and I are preparing an aerial GIS map of Fremont that will include all the mosquito breeding areas found to date. This map will be completed by the end of summer 2008.

I will be working with the State Health Department and the Federal Center for Disease Control Office on collecting and disease testing of Fremont mosquitoes. Our collecting/ testing program will begin in June 2008 and continue to mid October 2008. Forty-five towns are participating in the State disease testing program in 2008. Please contact Michael Morrison, Entomologist, at Municipal Pest Management Services Inc, if you have any questions. Email: swampfixer@verizon.net

BULKY DAY

The spring bulky day will be held on Saturday May 17, 2008 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will be posting updates and information on the Recycling Page of the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov; as well as posters in Town buildings, and a subsequent mailer will be sent out with further details.

We need your help to make this event happen. Email Heidi at FremontTA@comcast if you can help, or call Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 and leave the shift you'd like to cover (8:00 am to 10:30 am or 10:30 am to 1:00 pm). We try and shuffle workers at 10:30 am to keep everything moving smoothly.

Thank you for your help in keeping this event going!

BE SURE TO CHECK THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR **UPDATED INFORMATION, NOTICES, and** MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

TRASH & RECYCLING

By now you have noticed green WM trucks collecting Fremont curbside trash and recycling. Waste Management of NH contracted with the Town as of April 1 $^{\rm st}$ for these collections.

One of the reasons for choosing this proposal was that it was the lowest when using the current cost of fuel; and allowed the Town an option to move to a cart pickup system, which was discussed at Town Meeting. The cart system is slated to be implemented by July 1, 2008 and you should watch for information in the mail from Waste Management, and you can check for updates on the Town Website on the Recycling page, and in future newsletters and postings.

We do anticipate that there will be some time during the transition when questions will come up, and encourage you to call the Customer Service center at Waste Management at 800 847 5303 for any questions.

Additionally, a change in Wednesday pickup (to Friday) will be announced shortly by Waste Management. The Thursday route will remain the same. We will also look toward implementation of the cart system within the next couple of months. Please watch your mail carefully for information from Waste Management, and check the Town's Website on the Recycling Page at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation as we work through these changes.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Land Use Office will be closed on Thursday May 8, 2008 for attendance at a workshop.

The Town Clerk's Office WILL BE CLOSED all day on Wednesday May 21, 2008 to attend the Seacoast Region NHTCTCA Annual Meeting.

All Town Offices WILL BE CLOSED on Monday May 26, 2008 in observance of Memorial Day. Please plan accordingly.

The Memorial Day Parade begins at 9:00 am on Sunday May 25th. Mark your calendars! We are looking for participation from all Fremont groups and organizations. Call Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 11 or send an email to Jeanne at FremontTownHall@comcast to get involved and get more information!

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The FGC will hold their annual plant sale on Saturday May 17, 2008 at the Safety Complex, for the benefit of town decorations and gardens. Plants, seeds and gardening items will be available, as well as raffle items. Hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If anyone has plants that need dividing to donate, we would appreciate your sharing. Please contact Aja Mahoney at 895-2447; Pat Richmond at 895 9578; or Carolyn Carr at 895-4095 for assistance.

Ellis School Spring Vacation is the week of April 28 to May 2, 2008.